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GOLDEN SILENCE.
Britain's Premier Diplomatically Avoids Discussion of the Foreign Situation.
A Word to Those Who Criticize the Government Without the Key to Conduct.

London, Dec. 16.—The Marquis of Salisbury, the premier, at a banquet given this evening in his honor at the Constitutional Club, devoted his speech in reply to the toast of his health to home affairs, and to the general principles for the conduct of foreign policy, without direct reference to any particular question.
Dwelling upon the necessity for discussion, Lord Salisbury said it would be a relief if he could discuss and explain certain matters that had been and were being grotesquely misrepresented, and that he could not do so without betraying his duty.
"The government," he continued, "should not not only on individual items, but on the success of its policy as a whole. If a minister goes to war on a trivial matter, he might find himself without the support of the people. This should be considered when people ask why we have not pushed to the point of war some secondary differences."
"Before condemning us for not going to war they should be sure there are no other complications in view compelling us to economize the force at the government's disposal."
"This is a matter of business-like calculation. The more the Empire extends the more necessary to judge matters from this standpoint. It is dangerous to let rhapsody take the place of calculation."

NOTES OF THE DOMINION.
Minerve On the Bye-Elections—Supper-annuation for Col. Scott.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—La Minerve, the French Conservative organ, referring to the result of the Bagot election, says: "The fate of arms has been against us, and we must promptly admit that the loss of Bagot is a special defeat." The article then goes on to say that with such adversaries as those whom the Conservatives have to fight, Mr. Macdowell's election is a national disaster. However, this must be considered as a mere temporary defeat, for the Liberals will always be able to invade the provinces in hordes, sending as many as twelve, and even more representatives into each single parish. Everybody knows, it says, that the election is synonymous with corruption, the Liberals and their leader, Turle, knowing that his downfall will drive them from the front benches to gain elections, for his new allies are bound to carry such elections by all means under penalty of political death.

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Toronto, Dec. 16.—Alexander Grant, registrar of the Court of Appeals for Ontario from the time of its inception, died yesterday after a short illness, in his 86th year.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The Western Milling Co.'s elevator at Pense, Assn., was destroyed by fire last night, together with 15,000 bushels of wheat.

Calgary, Dec. 16.—Albert Head was fatally injured this morning by an explosion of acetylene gas, dying of his wounds this afternoon.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—It is reported that Col. Scott, customs collector for Winnipeg, is to be superannuated.

THE MAINLAND CITIES.
Spontaneous Combustion a Cause of Fire Loss—Westminster Women's Hospital.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Burglars are once again operating in this city, an unsuccessful attempt at the wholesale house of Oppenheimer Bros. having been made last night.

A. J. Spear, of the Empress of India's crew, has been left \$5,000 by an uncle in Lancaster, England.

It has been ascertained that the Shearwater fire was caused by spontaneous combustion. An oiled rag, a loose piece of paper under a lead-jointed gas-pipe. The heat from the furnace did the rest.

The opera house under Manager Jamieson is being tremendously patronized of late. McEwen, the hypnotist, had three packed houses in succession. And Mr. Mayo's excellent performance drew another bumper house, while to-night McEwen again demonstrated his powers to fill chairs.

The management of the women's hospital has been handed over to the Local Council of Women at New Westminster.

John Bell, a native of England, who came to British Columbia in 1864 and mined for many years in Cariboo, died at New Westminster yesterday, aged 60 years.

THE END OF A DREAM.
Hudson's Bay Route Can Never Become a Factor in Handling Manitoba's Products.
Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—James Fisher, M. P., who accompanied the Dominion government expedition on the steamer Diabolo to Hudson's Bay last year, has presented his report to the Manitoba government. His conclusion is that the Hudson's Bay route can never be a factor in competing for the traffic of Manitoba excepting possibly the very northern portion. The report is very exhaustive, comprising 40,000 words. Mr. Fisher says: "If we had a route by Hudson's Bay to-morrow, it would not be a factor in transporting the products of Manitoba and the West."

POLICING HAVANA.
An Army of a Thousand Officers to Safeguard the Cuban City.

Havana, Dec. 16.—Capt. McCullough, the former chief of police of New York, has reported to General Green his plan for the policing of Havana. The force will amount to one thousand men.

THE ASPOSTLE OF PURITY.
Anthony Comstock Would Now Save the Telegraph Wires From Pollution.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The house judiciary committee gave a hearing to-day on the Gillett bill, to prohibit the use of telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of lotteries and horse-race gambling. Anthony Comstock and Dr. Wilbur Crafts appeared before the committee, the former saying that he had information of the seizure by the post office authorities of over 1,500,000 lottery blanks, demonstrating that lotteries were in existence. He claimed their business was carried on through telegraph and telephone companies. Dr. Crafts, as general representative of religious and reform organizations, gave the measure his hearty endorsement.

REBELS OF ARABIA.
Turkey Has Now a Formidable Native Insurrection Upon Her Hands.

The Outbreak Similar to That Which Culminated in Gordon's Death.

Cairo, Dec. 16.—The native rebellion against the Turks in Yemen, a chief division of Arabia, is becoming formidable. Thirty thousand Turkish troops have been mobilized in the district. Mahdi Dhimin, the insurgent chief, is said to resemble the Mahdi, the Mohammedan warrior-prophet, in religious fanaticism, and rules his followers despotically. It was a similar outbreak fifteen years ago under the Mahdi that swept the Sudan and ended in the massacre of Gordon at Khartoum. Aden, the chief town of Yemen, is English.

ALAS POOR CAESAR.
Ashes of the Man Who Ruled the World the Object of a Day's Astonishment.

Rome, Dec. 16.—Ashes supposed to be those of Julius Caesar were unearthed at the base of a column in the Roman Forum to-day. The column marked the spot where Caesar's body was cremated.

THE KHEDIVES CONTRIBUTES.
Five Hundred Dollars Toward the College at Khartoum.

Cairo, Dec. 16.—The Khedive has headed the local subscription for the Gordon memorial college at Khartoum, giving \$500 for the purpose.

RATIFICATION POSTPONED.
Six Months' Delay in the Completion of the Niger Convention.

Paris, Dec. 16.—An official note issued by the foreign office states that the ratification of the Niger convention between Egypt and France has been postponed for six months from December 8.

UNDERGROUND NEW YORK.
Private Capital Will Undertake Subterranean Railway Building on Manhattan Island.

New York, Dec. 16.—Interest in the subject of a tunnel to give rapid transit throughout the length of Manhattan island is revived by the publication to-day of an interview with Richard Croker, in which it is asserted that work on such a tunnel will be begun within a year. Mr. Croker is further quoted as saying that the enterprise will be undertaken by private capital, "which will meet with every proper encouragement from the present city government and from Tammany."

Mr. Croker says the city has neither the money nor the credit under law to build such a tunnel, which, he estimates, will cost \$50,000,000.

RUSSIAN TALLOW HELPS.
To Give Another of Britain's War Dogs to its Natural Element.

London, Dec. 16.—The first class battleship Irresistible was successfully launched from the dock yards at Chatham yesterday. She was named by Princess Christian.

The launching cradle weighed 300 tons and seven tons of Russian tallow and soft soap, besides a large quantity of train oil, were used in lubricating the ways. A great crowd witnessed the launching, including Princess Christian, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Mr. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, and many other notable persons.

HELD TO HIS WORDS.

The Philippine Insurgent Leader Quotes McKinley's Ante-Bellum Proclamation.

Before the War America Repudiated Any Proposed Extension of Territory.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The United States ambassador, General Horace Porter, and the other officials of the United States embassy, the representatives of the French foreign office, and the members of the American colony in this city bade farewell to the American peace commissioners at the railroad station this evening, as they started homeward. A special saloon car had been provided by the railroad for the use of the commissioners, and the friends of the departing commissioners gave three cheers and waved their hats and handkerchiefs as the train started. The party sail for New York to-morrow by the American line steamer St. Louis.

Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, lodged a strongly worded protest with the commission, which thus becomes part of the records. It begins with saying that the very noble and gallant General Aguinaldo, president of the Philippine republic, had honored him with the post of official representative to the very honorable President of the United States.

Agoncillo then reviews the case at length, saying at the time of "improving the armed co-operation of Aguinaldo and other Philippine chiefs," both the commander of the Petrel, Capt. Wood, in Hongkong, before the declaration of war, and American Consul-General Pratt in Singapore, William at Hongkong, and Williams at Cavite, acting as the international agents of the great American nation at a moment of great anxiety, offered to recognize the independence of the Filipino nation as soon as its triumph was attained.

The protest recites how Admiral Dewey, by numerous acts, is alleged to have recognized the autonomist sovereignty of the Filipinos, and in picturesque language calls for the fulfillment of these promises and a fulfillment of the solemn declarations made by the illustrious William McKinley, then going to war he was not guided by intention of expansion of territory, but only by the principles of humanity, by the duty of liberating tyrannized people, and by the desire to proclaim the inalienable rights, with their sovereignty, of the countries released from the yoke of Spain.

A despatch from Madrid quotes as follows from a just-issued official note: "As the American senate must ratify the treaty of peace, our government should wait for this ratification, and not have to cede territory which the United States senate may not accept."

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.
Returned Packages and How They Are to Secure Free Entry.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The customs department to-day issued additional regulations regarding the return of packages, bags, barrels, baskets, boxes, casks, crates, cylinders, and other coverings which have been used in the transportation of goods from Canada. These, when again returned to Canada within three years, without allowance of drawback and without having been advanced in value or improved in condition by any process of manufacture or other means, may be entered free of duty if identified to the satisfaction of the customs officer upon oath of the importer or his agent. Collectors are instructed to take special precautions for the identification of returned packages admitted free under this regulation, insisting as far as possible upon the articles being marked for identification when exported outwards, and observing that the coverings for which entry is claimed have been used and are not new. The collector may require proof by affidavit or in other form for identifying to their satisfaction package coverings returned free as aforesaid.

The government organs say that Hon. Mr. Mulock will not become High Commissioner, but that Lord Strathcona will continue to hold the office.

Mr. Foster lectured to-night before the Lindsay Collegiate Institute on the Canadian outlook.

Dr. Borden and family go to Washington next week.

THIS TRUST IS BUST.
Minnesota Millers Decline to Enter the McIntyre Consolidation.

Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—The flour trust scheme is dead as far as Minneapolis mills are concerned. At a meeting of the representatives of the three leading mills, the Pillsbury-Washington Flour Mill Co., the Northwest Consolidated Co., and the Washburn-Crosby Co., it was unanimously agreed that none of the Minneapolis mills should go into the McIntyre consolidated scheme and that no further attention should be given to the matter. The mills at Milwaukee and Duluth will, in all probability, follow the lead of the Minneapolis millers.

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THE MUNICIPAL PLATFORM.

The criticism, which most people will make of the platform adopted by the Committee of Fifty, is that there is rather too much of it. It contains seventeen planks—rather a considerable array to be considered at a municipal election. When, however, the platform comes to be analyzed, it will be found that some of the subjects are of such a nature, that there will be no difference of opinion upon them, and that their inclusion in the platform is more because it is desirable that they should not be lost sight of than for any other reason. Among these are the following:

5. Efficient officials in charge of all public and departmental work, and responsible for the matters under their charge.
7. Permanency in public works.
9. Improvement of our water system, improved filtration and perfecting of distribution.
10. Consolidation of that portion of the city debt that is practicable and may be found advantageous.
11. To press for a settlement of the Songhees reserve question.
12. To seek for advantageous connection with transcontinental railways.
13. That the city's credit shall only be pledged for permanent works.
17. Harbor improvement.

These eight propositions are hardly matters of public discussion in the abstract, although there will doubtless be considerable difference of opinion when it comes to settling the details. They ought to find a place in any municipal platform, because they are matters upon which in a general way we are all agreed, and in regard to which we look for any city council to take action.

We have, therefore, nine matters left, which may be called the issues of the next municipal campaign. These are:

- Fuller and more extensive powers of municipal self-government than are now possessed by the city.
- That the aldermen's functions shall be legislative, and not executive, and that the office be honorary.
- Revision of the ward system.
- Continuity in office.
- Paving the streets under an equitable local improvement system.
- A more rapid extension of the sewerage system.
- To levy all rates and taxes fairly and according to the benefit those taxed derive.
- Day labor on public works.
- Candidates for municipal honors to pledge themselves to the better enforcement of the laws relating to the liquor licenses, gambling houses and houses of ill-fame.

All these propositions call for discussion, and it is right to expect those advancing them to be prepared to explain what they mean by them. The columns of the Colonist are open to correspondents who desire to deal with any of them, but we have to request that letters shall be as brief as possible. It is better to write twice briefly than once at length. The Colonist will itself have something to say upon each topic. At present it feels itself only called upon to say that it is in hearty sympathy with what it understands to be the meaning of the whole seventeen planks in the platform.

THE BENCH AND THE PUBLIC.

In delivering judgment in the contempt case, Mr. Justice Drake used this language:

"His objection is a sentimental one and one that is answered by the article itself."

We think the principle upon which this observation is based ought not to pass unchallenged. The Colonist has spoken of the undesirability of one of the judges acting in certain cases, because of the effect upon the public mind, but also stated its belief that the judge would do his duty if he did act. Mr. Justice Drake thinks that the fact that a judge might do his duty in a case an answer to any representation that public opinion would condemn him for hearing it. We do not think this position can be sustained. No court and no judge of it is above the controlling influence of public opinion, as to the propriety of his exercise of his judicial functions in cases where he may be presumed not to stand indifferent between the parties. It has been well said that the only check upon a judge in such cases is the law of his own conscience, and the rule that it is wise to shun even the appearance of evil applies as well to those who wear the judicial ermine as to little boys in Sunday school. That "dignity which doth hedge about a king" and which encompassed the court of the sovereign with a species of halo, has vanished in "that fierce light which beats about a throne."

From Shakespeare to Tennyson is a long step in years and almost as great in the responsibility of courts to public opinion. It was a contemporary of Shakespeare, who, when reproached with taking bribes, said "I have sold justice, but never injustice." Would any member of the British judiciary in Tennyson's day have dared avow such conduct? In these times, when the schoolmaster is abroad, and subjects are "loyal to the royal" which dwells in the character of the sovereign, the courts cannot afford to disregard public opinion. Judges must pay regard to what Mr. Justice Drake calls "sentimental objections." If they

fail to do so, the courts will lose the confidence of the people and thus the greater calamity could well befall a British country. It will be unhappy day for British Columbia, if it ever shall be declared that a judge may disregard the voice of public opinion with impunity in matters touching his judicial conduct. In regard to his discharge of his judicial duty, when once he has undertaken it, he ought to be absolutely fearless of popular clamor. So far the judges of this province will always receive the strongest support that the Colonist can give them, although they will hardly ever need it, for, in a British country, duty courageously done is its own vindication. But in regard to the propriety of a judge acting in an official capacity in any case, the Colonist claims and will continue to exercise the fullest right of discussion, whenever it considers that the public interests demands. This is the point for which the Colonist has been contending, and its contention has been borne out by the action of Mr. Justice Martin in declining to hear any more applications in the election cases, and by Mr. Justice Drake declining to make any order upon Mr. Duff's application and his observations on the Colonist's articles.

The news from Cowichan is to the effect that Mr. Sward's candidature is not well received by the people, who are inclined to resent the action of Mr. Semlin in taking a government employee, resident in another constituency and only a few months ago rejected by it, and putting him up as a candidate. Mr. Semlin's best friends feel that he has made a very serious error. Every person qualified to form an opinion regards Mr. Robertson's return by a largely increased majority as beyond all question. There is understood to be a grave breach in the government itself on this subject. The government is in fact split into two factions over it. Mr. Cotton agreeing with Mr. Semlin, and Messrs. Martin, Hume and McKee taking the opposite view. As yet no word has been given out that Mr. Sward is not still on the government payroll. Much surprise is expressed that before seeking nomination in Cowichan, Mr. Sward did not resign his position as the premier's secretary.

Discussing the candidature of Mr. Sward in Cowichan, the Province speaks of the Martin-Semlin government, and raps Mr. Semlin very severely over the knuckles for undertaking to place Mr. Sward in nomination. In placing the name of Mr. Martin before that of the Premier in the hyphenated description of the government, the Province doubtless acted after consideration. It was not merely a slip of the pen or a trick of the linotype. It was intended as a notice to Mr. Semlin and to the public at large that Mr. Martin is the skookum tree of the combination. We have known this all along, but out of courtesy to Mr. Semlin, who, if not an astute politician, is a very courteous gentleman, we have refrained from doing what would be construed as a personal affront if it appeared in an opposition paper, and is a deliberate insult when appearing in a paper ostensibly supporting Mr. Semlin's government.

The News-Advertiser, referring to Mr. Sward's candidature in Cowichan, says the Colonist has overshoot the mark in suggesting that Mr. Sward will vote to abolish the constituency, for it says no man would seek a constituency if he proposed to vote to abolish it. How sweetly simple this is. It is worthy of a cooing infant. Did the News-Advertiser ever hear how the legislative council was abolished in New Brunswick? It was done by men who sought the position expressly for the purpose of abolishing it. Mr. Sward's candidature is a part of a general scheme for the curtailment of the influence of Vancouver Island, and the game is being so coarsely played that Attorney-General Martin is in a lowering rage over it.

It is not a matter for surprise that the Vancouver World should seek to defend as best it can the administration of the Yukon, but it makes a mistake when it endeavors to create the impression that there is nothing in the charges that have been so freely made. It is hardly conceivable that the World has not been put in possession of material sufficient to convince it that there is something seriously wrong somewhere in connection with the Yukon officials.

The resignation of Sir William Vernon Harcourt from the leadership of the Liberal party emphasizes the point made in the Colonist some time ago, namely, that the Liberal party in Great Britain and Gladstone were synonymous, and that the party would not survive its great leader by a very long period. A new party, with new issues must rise to take its place, if indeed we are not on the eve of an era in British politics in which partyism will remain in abeyance.

It is alleged that Lord Salisbury has given notice to the Belgian government that the lease of the region between the Bahr el Ghazal and Uganda, made by the British government in 1894, was terminated. This is the first step towards drawing a red line from Cairo to the Cape. Here's a prediction that in five years the Congo Free State will be British territory.

Just what is to be the future of Crete is uncertain. A late despatch says that Great Britain's occupation of the island will be permanent; but as yet the British government has acquired no territorial rights there. We may feel very sure, however, that if Great Britain does not occupy the island, no other first class power will.

There is just \$19,000 worth of gold in a United States \$20 gold piece. This will show why gold is usually shipped abroad in ingots instead of in coin, and why when it is shipped in coin, the amount is always calculated by weight and not by number.

The World very sensibly takes the position that the News-Advertiser and its political friends, who are now complaining because the Colonist thinks the people of Cowichan should elect a resident in preference to the rejected of Dowdney, ought to be the last people to talk about sectionalism, seeing that for years they strove to keep alive the sectional spirit in the legislature.

A Mrs. Howland, of Boston, complains that at Dawson a man would be arrested for explaining on the street, "To — with the Queen." We suppose he would be likely to be arrested for explaining in the street: "To — with Mrs. Howland."

The United States battleship Texas came near going to Davy Jones' locker a few days ago, and the battleship Massachusetts came to grief on some rocks off New York harbor. Our neighbors' fleet is more dangerous to itself in peace than an enemy was to it in war.

Apparently Alberni has elected Mr. Neill with a reduced majority. The political significance of this is that the government is already losing ground among the people. The result in Cowichan will further demonstrate this. The life of the Semlin administration can be measured by weeks.

Mr. Sward has tried to explain what he said at Duncan. There is one thing that he might explain while he is about it, and it will be very pertinent to the Cowichan contest. It is the reason why his former constituents, who had eight years' experience of him, turned him down?

In speaking of Mr. Hunter, who was a candidate for Cariboo, although his family reside in Victoria, the Colonist omitted to mention that he has very large interests in that constituency.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Partyism in Provincial Politics — Iniquities of the Spoils System.

Premier Semlin's Straightforward But Undesirable Statement at Cowichan.

Sir:—There has been during the past year a disposition to introduce partyism into our provincial political affairs. With all due respect to the parties now recognized in the governing of this and other countries, party government is not ideal and there are a great many people who desire to see our provincial government managed without any endeavor to distinguish government and opposition by the party lines now prevailing in Dominion politics.

We have, however, fallen on troublous times. The present government no sooner got into power than political decapitation began, and public officials of various degree are (not) resting quietly in the political graveyard. It is not to be understood that all such execution has not been pleasing to many adherents of the opposition. But the system is up on us with all its infamy. While we have been casting slurs upon our republican neighbors, we have been allowing a system to creep in which is infinitely worse in many respects. Much better in every way to elect from premises down to lighthouse keeper, than to suffer the malicious practices indulged in by our politicians, who count it a most trifling matter to do away with worthy officials in order to make room for their chosen friends. We need to cry Halt! on such methods.

When a man has been appointed to an office in the gift of the government of less importance, that man should hold that position until he disqualifies himself by incapability, immoral conduct, active participation in elections, or senile inability. Any dismissal outside of this is dishonorable and unjust.

There is this following danger ahead. Nothing is more calculated to define party lines than such exhibitions of favoritism as have been given by the present British Columbia government. And the more this method is carried out the more blunted will the moral sensibilities of our politicians become, and the more of conserving the political strength necessary for the proper discharge of the duties to which the developing interests of our fair province call, there will result an emasculated political life—the laughing stock of the world.

Yet, again, the recent remarks of Premier Semlin in Cowichan district, as reported in the Colonist, call for a most vigorous protest from every voter who demands as marked purity in politics, the basis of political confidence, as purity of individual character in social intercourse or commercial enterprise. The announcement that "Mr. Sward has the ear of the government,"—a bait to the Cowichan constituents, is, to say the least, honest on the part of the premier, but the history of many years of electioneering will fail to produce a like instance. The people of this province now know that, in order to obtain what is necessary for the PUBLIC GOOD, the constituency must have "the ear of the government."

Such a declaration of political ethics? by the present premier is certainly a violation, and as a prostitution of political virtue, will cost the government many votes at the next general election. The first of Broom's legal maxims is "that regard be had to the public welfare is the highest law." The man who enters the parliament of this country with any other determination than that every political act shall embody the principle of the above mentioned maxim, is a politician, a perjurer under his oath, and unworthy the name of citizen.

Our province needs now, if ever, men of might who are men of right, men whose political careers we can hold with pride before our children for their example and emulation, men whose passing away will be the signal for our province's tears.

NOTREYAL.

HOME INDUSTRY.

Sir:—As has often been pointed out in the columns of the Colonist it is a matter of immense and far reaching importance, that the wants of this great country should be supplied by itself as far as possible in an extended cultivation of the soil, and the encouragement of our home industries. Apart altogether from patriotism and the claims of the country, it is a matter of fact that it is surely a shortsighted policy for a buyer to go to a

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foreign country for an article that is produced as good and as cheaply at home, yet strange to say this is done by men who would resent any doubt cast upon their business capacity, or their status as good and loyal citizens. If the manufacturers of Victoria had to depend on the citizens alone for their support their output would be considerably curtailed, and yet the articles produced are as a rule superior to the imported goods selling at the same prices. The wholesale merchants are largely to blame for this state of affairs, in sending to the States for their stoves, shoes, cigars, soap, rolled oats, hams and bacon, etc., instead of buying from the producers of those articles in this city. The amount of money sent out of the country for goods which can be better bought here must be considerable, and if it were expended here as it should be in helping our home industries, it would go a long way towards improving the general business of the city.

CITIZEN.

DR. WATSON'S STATEMENT.

Sir:—Permit me, with your usual courtesy, to correct a mistake in the otherwise fairly accurate report of the opposition meeting at Alberni on Tuesday night, which appeared in this morning's paper, and which was circulated here in Alberni this evening. In my opening remarks as chairman I am reported to have expressed a preference "to be ground down by the Dunsquair company." Now I have no desire to be ground down by anybody, and have no personal knowledge and do not believe that anybody has experienced that treatment at the hands of that company. What I said was that in the grinding of the political machinery at Alberni elections past and present, other matters were almost crushed out by the reiteration of facts and figures concerning the two corporations and an unfair comparison of their actions, and I alluded to the fact that after we had in Alberni, our interests were more allied with the Dunsquairs than with the Vancouver Coal Co. and corporation. Miss Watson took no part whatever in the meeting beyond being with other ladies present. Thanking you beforehand, I remain

A. M. WATSON, M.D.
Chairman of Mr. Ward's Committee,
Alberni, Dec. 14, 1898.

THE CITIZENS' PLATFORM.

Sir:—Since the presentation of a petition to the Committee of Fifty suggesting certain municipal reforms a great deal has been written as to the moral condition of Victoria. In the first place from personal observation I am in position to state that the moral condition of our city compares favorably with that of any of the Canadian cities—not even moral Toronto excepted. I am of opinion that it is a great mistake to herald forth to the world that Victoria has sunk into such a state of vice and corruption as alleged in the petition presented to that committee. Will people who contemplate taking up their residence in this province decide to bring their families into contact with so much iniquity? I think not, and I submit that it is to the city's discredit that so much has already appeared in the newspapers on this subject.

In these discussions Chief Sheppard has appeared prominently and the blame for the alleged moral condition of Victoria has been placed on his shoulders. Without a murmur the Chief has, and graciously, endeavored to do his duty without taking notice of the statements which have appeared about him, well knowing that if the police commissioners were not satisfied with his conduct or had any complaint to make in regard to his non-performance of duty he was accountable to them. The police commissioners appear to have the utmost confidence in Chief Sheppard. Why should they not? Has not the Chief when any violation of the law has been brought to his notice, immediately suppressed it in so far as he was able? Did not Chief Sheppard in the year 1897 very cleverly break up what was known as the Turf Club and arrest about twenty gamblers who were indulging in games of chance? Did not the Chief also confiscate and destroy the gambling furniture and contrivances amounting to about \$2,000?

Chief Sheppard has held the position for many years and has been an able and courteous official. He stands high in the community not only as a private citizen but in secret societies, and I defy any citizen to say that Chief Sheppard has been derelict in his duty.

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SPAIN HOPES TO PAY.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—Senor Puigcarron, minister of finance, in the cabinet council yesterday said that the finance department expected to pay the Cuban debt and added that in eight years' time he had hopes that Spain would settle all of the expenses of the war, the country having taxed each element of production.

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ties in our line. Call and see us. Dean

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All persons having claims against the

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our advertisement, and your trouble in

choosing a gift will be ended.

Dominion Alliance.—A meeting of the

Dominion Alliance will be held this

evening at 7 in the Temperance hall,

Pandora avenue.

Very Mean Thief.—The meanest kind

of a thief operated at the A. O. U. W.

hall on Thursday evening, entering that

place during the children's carnival and

stealing a number of articles.

"The Japanese at Home"—This will

be the subject of a lecture that Principal

E. B. Paul, of the High school, will de-

liver at Emmanuel Baptist church on

Monday evening, under the auspices of

the B. Y. P. U.

VICTORIA AND VICINITY.—A

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photographs—the best Xmas card you

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the bookstores or this office. Price, 75

cents.

A Library at Auction.—The books of

the late Y. M. C. A. library will be

offered for sale at Churton's this after-

noon and evening. Those remaining un-

sold on Monday will be auctioned to-

gether with the gymnasium apparatus.

Mr. Morse Will Sing.—The service of

sung to be held at the Church of Our

Lord (Reformed Episcopal), to-morrow

evening should prove especially attrac-

tive, as in addition to the music by the

choir, which is always well rendered,

Mr. Sydney H. Morse, the famous Ori-

ental tenor, will sing.

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Died in Arizona.—A well-known ci-

zen of Victoria, W. J. Hyman, has died

at Yuma, Arizona. He was employed

at the Albion Iron Works for about 16

years, and subsequently was a partner

in the Victoria Novelty Works, 150

Government street, until very recently.

His health had been failing for about

two years.

Spring Ridge and South Park.—The

Friendly Help Association acknowl-

edges with thanks the Christmas dona-

tions from the Spring Ridge school—clothing,

groceries, two perambulators and \$1.90

in cash. South Park school also sent in

yesterday a large stock of clothing and

groceries, worth \$7.30 in money.

A Couple of Vags.—When John Don-

ovan "struck" Detective Palmer for

the price of a meal early yesterday morn-

ing he made the mistake of his life. The

detective was in plain clothes, which ac-

counts for Donovan's mistake. He was

taken to the police station, and there it

was found that he had 85 cents in his

pocket, so he was charged in the police

court with begging. A conviction was

registered, but judgment was reserved

until Tuesday next. H. G. Vaughan,

arrested for vagrancy, was allowed out

on his own recognizance.

Yates Street Fire Hall.—At Monday

evening's meeting of the city council,

Alb. Phillips will move as follows:

"Whereas certain members of the old

volunteer fire department in which the

fire engine house on Yates street was

originally vested, are desirous that the

said property be retained by the cor-

poration and not sold, as if sold the only

standing memento of the existence of

the first fire department Victoria had

will be practically obliterated; there-

fore it is resolved that such action

as has already been taken to dispose of

the said property be annulled, and that

the amount of the deposit already re-

ceived by the corporation from Mr.

Richardson, as part of the purchase

money in event of the corporation being

able to give him a proper title to the

property, be returned to him."

Saturday Evening Attractions.—Specially

strong attractions have been pre-

pared for both the Temperance hall and

Drill hall entertainments this evening.

At the former the members of Fidelity

Temple, No. 25, I. O. G. T., will have

charge, presenting a number of national

and fancy drills, interspersed with music,

etc., under the chairmanship of Dr.

Lewis Hall. At the Drill hall the "ex-

tras" will be recitations by Mrs. Fred,

Cooper and vocal selections by Mr.

Eugene Weiner, while every lady attend-

ing will receive a ticket in the Christ-

mas turkey tombola. The band pro-

gramme is:

Overture—"Light Cavalry".....Supps

Spanish Chorus—"Zambora".....Gilder

Spanish Waltzes—"Andalusia".....Le Thiere

Recitation—Selected.....Mrs. F. A. C.

Selection fr. "Lost, Strayed or Stolen".....Morse

Vocal Solo—Selected.....Morse

Char. Piece—"The Irish Wedding".....Puermer

March—"Chillkoot".....Renevier

Farmers' Institutes.—Mr. J. R. Ander-

son, deputy minister of agriculture, re-

turned by the noon train yesterday from

Albani, at which point and Parkville in-

stitute meetings were addressed by Mr.

J. T. Collins, of Salt Spring Island, and

Mr. Anderson. Considering the po-

litical strife at Albani and the fact that

the meeting at Parkville was only dis-

posed upon by the officers of the Nanaimo

institute very late in the day, the meet-

ings were well attended and much in-

terest was evoked. Lengthy discussions

followed the addresses, which were lis-

tened to with marked interest. The is-

olation of Albani was commented upon

as most detrimental to its prosperity

from an agricultural point of view. This

is no doubt the case, but with its natural

resources, mining, fishing, lumbering and

its magnificent facilities as a seaport

there is no reason to doubt but that in

the near future a local market will be

created for agricultural products. The

journey between Albani and Nanaimo

occupies about eleven hours, including

about an hour's stoppage at McArthur's.

The road is good and there is only a very

small quantity of snow on the summit.

Mr. Anderson left by this morning's boat

for Okanagan to attend meetings at Kel-

owna, Armstrong and Salmon Arm.

Driving Ulsters \$5 50, \$6 75, \$8 50

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ON TOUR OF INSPECTION.

United States Lightship Officials Pay a
Short Visit to Victoria.

The United States lightship tender Col-

umbine, Capt. Richardson, came into

the harbor yesterday to spend the night.

She is on a tour of inspection of the light-

houses of Puget Sound and the Washing-

GEEK MEETS GEEK

Victoria and Vancouver To-Day
Determine the Question of
Rugby Superiority.

Prescott of Vancouver Listed for
Vice-President of the C. W.
A-Association To-Day.

FIXTURES FOR THE DAY:-

Rugby—Victoria v. Vancouver, at
Vancouver.

Hockey—General practice at Oak Bay.
The Hunt—V. H. C. meet at Royal Oak.
Association Football—Boys' Brigade v.
Y. M. C. A.; No. 4 Company v. Junior
Columbia; H. M. S. Egeria v. Colum-
bias.

RUGBY.

Victoria vs. Vancouver.

The interest of the lovers of amateur
sport will to-day centre in the Rugby
football match to be played at Brockton
Point, Vancouver, between the Capitan
and Terminal City teams. Although
Victoria was able to wrest victory from
Vancouver in the first match of the
season, played on the Caledonia grounds
in this city, it was only after a most
stubborn contest. Since then the victor
has played a draw match with the Na-
namo Hornets, and Victoria has de-
feated the men of the Coal City, so that
the local team has a good lead, with a clean
record for the season. Realizing that
every effort will be made to-day to break
that record, the strongest team possible
will be sent to Vancouver, and the
match should be a splendid one. The
Victoria team follows: Full back, H.
Gillespie; three-quarter backs, K. Scho-
field, C. Gamble, C. E. Wilson, F. Cul-
lin; half-backs, A. C. Goward (captain),
A. Gillespie, forwards, A. D. Gressie,
H. Little, J. H. Poff, L. M. Richardson,
J. K. Macrae, A. Langley, J. H. Austin,
G. C. Johnston.

THE HUNT.

Club Hunt To-Day.

The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at
the Royal Oak at 2:30 this afternoon for
the weekly cross-country run.

WHIST.

J. B. A. A. Match.

In the duplicate whist tournament at
the James Bay club-rooms on Thursday
evening, the highest score was made by
Messrs. J. Laing and J. Aden, their score
being 136 points. The next team were
Messrs. H. J. Martin and A. R. Wolfen-
den, with 133 points.

HOCKEY.

General Practice Ordered.

There will be a general mixed match of
the Victoria Hockey Club this afternoon
at Oak Bay park, commencing at 2:30
sharp. All members who played last
Saturday, as well as others desiring a
game, are requested to be on hand.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Junior Match.

No. 4 Company of the Boys' Brigade
will play the Junior Columbias at Bea-
con Hill this morning at 10 o'clock. The
team of No. 4 Company will be
chosen from the following players:
C. Cousin, H. Blake, A. Dakers, J. New-
bigging, John Newbigging, F. McGregor,
W. McAtee, H. Stewart, A. Stewart,
McArthur, L. Netherby, A. McGregor,
R. McLachlin and J. McKenzie.

In the League Series.

One of the most important games in
the junior league series for the Times
cup will be played at Beacon Hill to-day
between the Boys' Brigade and Junior
Y. M. C. A. S. The game is the sixth
in the series and will complete the first
half of the season. Each team has won
two matches and neither has been de-
feated this season in either league or
outside matches; both are going in with
the determination of keeping up this
record. The teams are:

Boys' Brigade—Goal, W. Edmonds;
backs, S. Lorimer (captain) and P.
Mason; half-backs, A. Houghton, R.
Burns and J. Hogg; forwards, A. Bel-
yea, G. Temple, R. Dunn, H. Roskam
and T. Peden.

Y. M. C. A.—Goal, K. Hughes; backs,
O. Auld and R. Peden (captain); half-
backs, J. Belyea, G. Grant and S. Wins-
by; forwards, P. Fulton, G. Brown, V.
Gray, R. Wilson and T. Winsby.

Colors—Boys' Brigade, blue and white;
Y. M. C. A., white; official referee, L.
A. Campbell. Kick-off at 1:45 sharp.

Practice To-Day.

The Victoria Association Football
Club will hold a practice on the hill this
afternoon at 3 o'clock.

H. M. S. Egeria vs. Columbias.

The above teams will play at the Can-
ton grounds this afternoon, commencing
at 2:30 o'clock. The following will rep-
resent the Columbias: C. Marshall, H.
Nesbitt, A. Robertson, H. Dier, A. Neth-
erby, R. Fell, C. Berkeley, R. Dier, G.
Wilson, H. Wilson, J. Lawson. Players
will take the car from Campbell's cor-
ner, leaving at 2 o'clock.

THE WHEEL.

C. W. A. Politics.

Under this caption the Vancouver
News-Advertiser has the following inter-
esting information for the affiliated cy-
clists of British Columbia, all of whom
will heartily endorse as deserved any
and all honors that may be bestowed up-
on Mr. Prescott. "The nomination of
Canadian Wheelmen's Association offi-
cials for next year are now being made

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and are causing considerable interest to
the members of the association, which
numbers about 10,000 votes. Mr. Louis
Rubenstein, of Montreal, the popular
vice-president of the C. W. A. this year,
has been nominated for president for
1899, and will very probably be elected
without opposition, as Montreal will next
year be the hub of the world for bicycle
racing. The world's championships will
be held there, and also the Dominion of
Canada championships. Arrangements
are also being made to hold mammoth
race meetings at New York, Boston and
other large cities of the United States,
so as to form a circuit that will attract
the fastest bicycle racing men from all
parts of the globe. Mr. Rubenstein has
during the past season made an active
vice-president. Being himself one of
the most ardent and expert devotees of
the racing game, he has by his own hard
work and constant attention to all mat-
ters pertaining to C. W. A. work, rac-
ing included, the converted position of
vice-president of the C. W. A. from what
is usually considered an ornamental bil-
let to an exceedingly onerous one, if his
example is lived up to by his successors
in the office. Mr. Rubenstein has there-
fore earned his promotion and deserves
well of his fellow members, and with the
extra consideration that it will be desir-
able to have the chief executive resi-
dent in Montreal next season, to superin-
tend personally the arrangements for the
two big meets to be held there, the mem-
bers of the association will appreciate the
advantage of having an active and able
president right on the spot, and will
unanimously support Mr. Rubenstein's
candidacy for the office. It is very
probable that he will receive the solid
support of the British Columbia district.
The strength of the Western districts has
been recognized in the East, and the
Montreal clubs have nominated a West-
ern man for the position of vice-presi-
dent for 1899. Notification was received
yesterday that Chief Consul Prescott
had been nominated for the office, and
would receive a strong support in the
East. This is a compliment indeed to
the province. British Columbia should
follow Montreal's lead.

THE ALIEN LABOR BILL

Premier Semlin and Mr. Helmcken
Speak Briefly of the Jap-
anese Protest.

Trades and Labor Council Will
Discuss the Question in the
Near Future.

A few days ago a despatch from Ot-
tawa stated that the Japanese govern-
ment had entered an emphatic protest
against what is known as the alien law,
passed by the British Columbia legisla-
ture last session. This statute is intend-
ed to prohibit the employment of Chi-
nese or Japanese on works carried out
under charters granted by the province,
and, with the other statutes passed dur-
ing the session, was forwarded to Ot-
tawa for the Governor-General's assent.
This assent has not yet been received,
nor has the bill been disallowed, and the
year in which this action may be taken
has not yet expired.

Premier Semlin, when asked for his
views on the subject yesterday, said that
his opinions were very strongly to the
effect that the Japanese, as well as
Chinese, were not desirable settlers, and
he heartily approved of the bill. He
had no idea yet as to the course that
the Dominion would take with respect
to the matter, for no decision had yet
been announced by the Dominion.

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P.
elect, who fathered the bill through the
local house last session, wrote to the
Japanese consul in Vancouver a few
days ago in regard to the Japanese gov-
ernment's protest, and asked for copies
of the protest and of any communica-
tion on the subject that might have
been made by the Imperial government
in forwarding the protest to Ottawa.
Yesterday Mr. Helmcken received a re-
ply from Hon. Mr. Shimizu, stating that
he was unable to forward copies of the
protest, as the grounds of the protest
seemed to be that the Japanese subjects
in Canada are not numerous; that they
have been law-abiding, and have done
nothing that might necessitate a legis-
lative act adverse to their interests.

The consul added that such measures,
if allowed to become law, cannot but
injure the commercial relations be-
tween Japan and Canada, which have
the prospect of extensive develop-
ment in the near future.

Mr. Helmcken, in speaking of the
matter yesterday, said that he was still
of the opinion that the province had the
right to pass the law, or that the ques-
tion was within the power of the pro-
vincial legislature. However, if the
Imperial government had any reason
for asking its repeal on the ground of
Imperial policy, their views could be con-
sidered at the coming session of the
provincial house.

Mr. George Colwell, president of the
Trades and Labor Council, said yester-
day that the question of the Japanese
protest was likely to come up very soon
before the Trades and Labor Council
for discussion. In the meantime he did
not feel authorized to express the views
of that body regarding it.

TORONTO FIREMEN TESTIFY.

M. McCartney, Lombard Street Fire
Hall, Toronto, dated March 4th, 1897,
states: "Am subject to very painful con-
ditions of costiveness and other troubles
resulting therefrom, but I am glad to say
that I have found a perfect remedy in
Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I trust
this may be of benefit to others."

MAINTENANCE OF TOMB-
STONES.—It will be news to most
people that it is contrary to law to leave
money in trust for the maintenance of
a tombstone or grave. I obtained this
news the other day from the office of the
Charity Commissioners. In 1816 a lady
who was the last of her family, left by
her will the sum of £45 in consols, in
trust to keep in repair the tombs of her
relatives and herself. The money was
duly applied to this purpose until 1890,
when the Charity Commissioners took
possession of the gift and diverted it
from the original purpose. On inquiry
as to the reason for this, I am told that
a trust to keep up a tomb is void in law
or equity, as being a trust in perpetuity.
In this particular instance the residue
of the income of the trust, after being
applied to the repair of the tombs, was
to be applied for the relief of the poor of
the neighborhood; and the Charity Com-
missioners, on behalf of the poor, claimed
that the poor were entitled to the whole
of it, the trust for the repair of the
grave being void. The money rate, is
the account of it given to me, but I
can not help thinking there must be an
inaccuracy somewhere, for plenty of
trusts can be found in all directions
which are intended to endure secula
seculorum.

THE ISLAND INDIANS.

Population of the Twenty or Thirty
Villages Less Than Two
Thousand.

Effective Work of the Roman Cath-
olic Missionaries.—The
Other Churches.

A report of much interest and more
than passing value as a reference, is that
which Venerable Archdeacon Scriven
presented at the recent meeting of the
rural-decennial chapter on the subject of
the Indian work on Vancouver and ad-
jacent islands.

"I have to report," he said, "that in
order to obtain the information which the
rural-decennial chapter desired me to
procure, to be laid before the conference,
I visited the Indian office, and being re-
ferred by Mr. Vowell, the superintend-
ent, to Mr. Ashdown Green, I was per-
mitted by the courtesy of that gentle-
man to see a copy of the Indian report
for 1897, from which and from himself
I gleaned the following facts:

"In that portion of Vancouver Island
south of a line drawn from Chemainus
to Nitinat, which roughly corresponds to
the southern decennial boundary, there
are between 23 and 30 Indian vil-
lages, with a population of about 1,750.
With the exception of 16 of the Song-
hees tribe, who are returned as Metho-
dists, all the Indians from Chemainus
round to Sooke are, at least nominally,
Roman Catholics. At Pacheen-shit, or
San Juan, there are 40 Roman Catholics
and 31 Pagans; at Nitinat, 80 Roman
Catholics, 30 Methodists and 92 Pagans.
There are apparently no Anglicans in
the whole of this district; and only these
123 Pagans, who are members of tribes
among whom Roman Catholic and Meth-
odist missionaries are already at work.

"It seems to follow that there is no
work for our church to do among the
Indians in this rural decenary; and I
might here close my report, but I be-
lieve it will interest the members of the
conference to hear of one or two other bits
of information which I picked up while
making these inquiries.

"The Indians of Vancouver and ad-
jacent islands are divided into three
agencies—Kwakwaka agency, in the south
north; Cowichan agency, in the south
and east; and the West Coast agency.
The Indians of Kwakwaka agency are
almost all Anglicans, falling, in fact,
within the sphere of Rev. A. J. Hall's
mission at Alert Bay. The Indians of
the Cowichan agency are all Roman Cath-
olics, with the exception of the 10 Metho-
dists above mentioned, and 20 Anglicans
at Nanaimo. The West Coast agency
contains the bulk of the Pagan Indians;
but even these, in most cases, are simply
the as yet unconverted members of
tribes among whom the Roman Catholic
missionaries are working.

"The Roman church has in fact, to our
loss, but to her honor, entered into this
field of mission work, and is occupying
it with great zeal, and no small success.
There is of course a live Presbyterian
work being carried on at Alert Bay, but
the work of the Methodists seems to have
taken chiefly the form of proselytizing
among the Roman Catholics.

"I mentioned to Mr. Green the report
of the northern conference that there
were 200 Anglican Indians scattered
along the east coast, which fact he be-
lieves as follows: Some time back the
Indians of Cape Mudge emigrated to
Nanaimo in large numbers to work in the
mines, and lived there, not on a reser-
vation, but as squatters on the Newcas-
tle townsite. He supposes that they may
have come under the influence of Can-
adian work among the Nanaimo In-
dians. The members of the Cape Mudge
tribe afterwards returned to their home,
carrying with them, it may be presumed,
the Christianity which they had learned
from the Church of England, and it is
probable that some Indians of the
tribes along the east coast may have
gone through a similar experience.

"As to language, Mr. Green informs
me that all the Indians of Cowichan
agency (that is—roughly speaking—of
this rural decenary) speak the same lan-
guage, with variations so slight as to be
unintelligible to one another. There does
not appear to be any grammar or dictio-
nary of this tongue published, and he sug-
gested that the only way to learn it
would be by getting Mr. Lomas to fur-
nish a dictionary of the most necessary
words, and then perfecting one's self in
intercourse with the Indians themselves.
Chinook, though sufficient for ordinary
communication, is unsuited for mission-
ary work.

"I add, by way of appendix, a list of
Indian villages, with population and reli-
gion, between Chemainus and Nitinat:

Village	Pop.	Religion
Tussie	49	R.C.
Pachela-akut	138	"
Li-mach	75	"
Satch-shin	75	"
Kulleit	69	"
Steinmen	35	"
Ellet	30	"
Khempsia	62	"
Kokshik	41	"
Quatichun	280	"
Somonos	105	"
Clan-cen-a-ill	141	"
Comedien	71	"
Kilman-shin	6	"
Tsaw-ont	91	"
Tsaw-ill	69	"
Giteliet	70	"
Tse-kum	70	"
Malahat	15	"
Songhees	116	R.C. 100
		Met. 16
Esquimaux	20	R.C.
Cheerno	57	"
Chinook	28	"
Pachee-shit	77	R.C. 40
		Pagan. 37
Nitinat	202	R.C. 80
		Pagan. 120
Galliano, Mayne, Discovery I.	89	R.C.

IN STAGELAND.

The Original Swedish-American Comedy
at the Victoria—Coming Attrac-
tions.

It was not to be expected that with the
extra attraction of the military ball,
that there would be a large attendance
at the Victoria theatre, where Ben Hen-
dricks, always amusing and a capable
company, presented the Swedish comedy,
"Yon Yonson." The performance was
fully up to Mr. Hendricks' previous ef-
forts, he being well supported by Edward
J. Mack, as Amos Jennings; E. H. Ben-
der, as Hanks, the engineer; Beatrice
Norman, as Jennie Morris, and Annie
Mack Berlin as Mrs. Laila Morris. Ben-
dricks was last seen in Victoria with the
"Natural Gas" company, and has quite
a reputation in Irish characters. Among
the specialties was a song by Miss
George Bryton, quartette by the Am-
erican Comedy Four, and songs and
dances by Miss Norman and Mr. Hen-
dricks.

What is claimed to be one of the larg-
est and best up-to-date melodramas is

"Alone in Greater New York," which
will be the attraction at the Victoria
next Monday night. Superb scenic and
mechanical effects are carried by the
company, and some startling surprises in
stage illusions are promised. The flight
of the elevated train is one of the notice-
able features, showing a full-sized Third
avenue train, engine, tender and cars,
dashing upon the stage under a full
head of steam, one of the most realistic
effects ever introduced. Dorothy Lewis,
who has won an enviable reputation as
a delineator of ingenue roles, still heads
the cast and will be seen as Tiny the
wait. A large and powerful company
is announced in her support. The com-
edy features are strong, and in this
cutely specialties have been introduced
for the present tour.

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paring the way for Harry Lindley's re-
turn for the first time in Victoria.
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evening. The company this year con-
tains seventeen new and clever people,
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As an additional attraction Mr. Lindley
presents for the first time in Victoria
the famous serpentine and fire dancer,
Atlantis, who is reputed to be quite the
equal of Lole Fuller.

A STUDY OF MANKIND.

Some Odd Facts Connected With the
Human Body.

London Mail.

Human beings are of all sizes, but the
tall man is least common than the
short; only one in every 208 exceeds the
height of six feet. For every foot of
stature a man should weigh from seven-
six to twenty-eight pounds, a propor-
tion that is not the lot of all of these
hurrying, scurrying days.

An averaged-sized man weighs 140
pounds; a woman 125 pounds. Curious-
ly enough, the mean weight and height
of humans are below those of some pe-
ople. Six to twenty-eight pounds, in re-
spect to a negro's skeleton weighs more
than that of an Englishman.

The vitalizing power is the blood, a
drop of which takes but twenty-two
seconds to go round to the body. There
passes through the heart once in every
three minutes an amount of this precious
fluid equal to all that is contained in
the body.

The mileage of the blood circulation
reveals some astonishing and undreamed
of truths. It is estimated that, assum-
ing the average speed of the heart to be
sixty-nine beats a minute, the blood
travels 207 yards in sixty seconds; in
three minutes seven miles an hour, 168
a day, or 6,320 per year.

The average weight of the brain of
an adult is 3 pounds 8 ounces, of a fe-
male, 2 pounds 4 ounces. The woman's
brain begins to decline in weight after
the age of thirty, the man's not till ten
years later. According to high au-
thorities the nerves, with their branches
and minute ramifications connecting
with the brain exceed 10,000,000 in
number.

The palms of the hands and soles of
the feet are composed of cushions of
fat, in order that sudden jolts and vio-
lent blows may be successfully resisted,
and no injury done to the muscles and
bones underneath.

The muscles of which the tongue
monitizes eleven-and bones of the
human structure in combination are ca-
pable of more than 1,200 different mo-
tions.

The teaching of experience indicates
that accidents are far more liable to oc-
cur to the right leg and arm than to the
left. Further evidence of this fact is
supplied by the makers of artificial
limbs; they dispose of many more ap-
pendages to the right side of the body
than to the other. Statistics show that
in fifty-four cases out of a hundred the
left leg is stronger than the right.

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tionately as fast as his arms, he would
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 16, 8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

During the past twenty-four hours the barometer has fallen considerably over Western Canada, but remains high to the southward. Showers have been general to the westward of the Cascades, while in the Cariboo district light snow has fallen. Elsewhere the weather continues fair, and in the Northwest Territories decidedly mild, accompanied by high winds. The weather, which is becoming more threatening off the Washington coast, is likely to extend to this province.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	47
Kamloops	28	38
Harcourtville	28	34
Calgary	12	40
Winnipeg	12	20
Portland	20	30
San Francisco	42	50

FORECASTS.

For twenty-four hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Saturday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Winds, mostly southerly; fresh to strong along the coast; mild, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—Unsettled and mild; occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Temperatures:	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	41	Mean.....42
Noon	45	Highest.....47
5 p.m.	45	Lowest.....38

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	2 miles east.
Noon	1 mile south.
5 p.m.	4 miles south.

Rain—35 inches.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—Eighteen minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.070

Corrected.....30.010

E. BAYNES-REED,
Provincial Forecast Official.

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THE CHAPMAN DIVORCE

Sensational Evidence Presented at the Trial Which Opened Yesterday.

The Husband Attempted to Tar and Feather the Co-Respondent, Who However Fled.

Some rather uncommon incidents developed during the taking of evidence in the Chapman divorce case, which opened yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, and while divorce cases are particularly unpleasant subjects, the proceedings were at times decidedly interesting. Mr. Henry Hedley Reeves Chapman is suing for a legal separation from his wife, Nellie Blanche Chapman, the co-respondent named being Mr. Andrew Christian Martin. Mr. Chapman has for his counsel Mr. E. P. Davis, Q. C., and Mr. W. J. Taylor; while Mr. E. V. Bodwell appears for Mrs. Chapman, and Mr. Thornton Fell for Mr. Martin.

While the husband's side does not deny that any wrong-doing on Mrs. Chapman's part (if there was any) was condoned in September, 1897, Mr. Chapman maintains that there was cause given since then to entitle him to a divorce, and consequently evidence that might help to lay stress on this was put in of alleged wrongful conduct antecedent to that time.

Mr. Chapman, the husband, was the first witness, and in the course of his evidence related a couple of instances where he had had encounters with the co-respondent. This was before the condonation. On one occasion he said he returned home and was told that Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Martin were down towards the wood walking together. He followed, and meeting them attacked Mr. Martin with his stick, an encounter ensuing, in which the husband had also struck his wife. Mr. Martin retired from the scene, leaving his hat and cane, which Mr. Chapman carried to the house and consumed in the fire. On another occasion, Mr. Chapman said, he had one morning telephoned for Martin to come over to the house. A supply of tar and feathers had been prepared for his reception, and the intention was to capture Martin, tar and feather him, and then to force Mrs. Chapman to set him on fire. Martin came, but proved too agile, as he escaped from the clutches of Mr. Chapman's house on the Dallas road and fled to the seashore, again leaving a hat and cane in Mr. Chapman's possession.

Chapman deposed further that his wife had admitted wrong-doing, but had promised to have nothing more to do with Martin—a promise that he claimed had not been kept. In regard to his hitting Mrs. Chapman in the encounter with Martin, the husband said he had apologized the next day to her.

The next witness was Mrs. Rogers, who had been formerly in the Chapman employ, but left a year ago last May. She had several times threatened to leave unless Mrs. Chapman discontinued receiving visits from Martin, because Mr. Chapman, before leaving for England, had forbidden Mrs. Chapman to receive visits from that young man. Mr. Martin had given Mrs. Chapman presents of collars and blouses, the witness stated, and one night after witness had gone to bed she became suspicious that Mr. Martin was in the house. Accordingly she got up and went to the kitchen, where she found the two. She then threatened to leave the house, but finally reconsidered this and promised not to let Mr. Chapman know of the occurrence.

In cross-examination by Mr. Bodwell, the witness stated that this occasion was one night after a band concert in the Drill hall, and that Mrs. Howard Chapman, who was then staying in the house, had returned home from the concert in company with Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Martin.

Mr. Taylor wanted to ask the witness about Mrs. Chapman telephoning, but as the witness could only have heard a one-sided conversation, without knowing who was at the other end of the line, the court declined to allow the question.

Mrs. Howard Chapman, sister-in-law of Mrs. Hedley Chapman, said that her husband having temporarily given up his house, intending to visit England, from April 18 to May 5 they had resided at Mr. Hedley Chapman's with Mrs. Hedley Chapman. Mr. Hedley Chapman being then absent in the Old Country. Mr. Martin had given Mrs. Chapman presents of slippers and gloves, and once gave her two years ago—a diamond ring worth \$100. Mrs. Hedley Chapman had said she cared for Martin and not for her husband. During this time a letter came to Mrs. Hedley Chapman, stating that Martin had been seen to leave the Chapman house, whereupon Mrs. Chapman had said that it was all "up with her then."

This letter was put in as an exhibit and turned out to have emanated from Mr. Howard Chapman, who did a little private detective work while his brother was away. The letter read:

December 2, 1897.

Dear Madam:—When Mr. Chapman left for England I was instructed by him to keep an eye upon your movements and those of Mr. A. C. Martin. Acting upon his orders your house has been watched and yourself pretty well shadowed the past few weeks. Your movements with Mr. Martin are well known to me and also his visits to your house. I warn you against any further interviews by appointment or telephone with him and the next time he ventures upon Mr. Chapman's property I shall have him arrested and put in gaol upon a charge of burglary.

IVAN PERDUE,
Detective.

Mrs. Howard Chapman in her evidence said that at the time the letter was received she did not know it came from her husband, though she found out later that it did. Asked what Mrs. Chapman called Martin, the witness replied: "She called him Andrew."

Howard Chapman, who was next examined, went into his amateur private detective experiences in detailed form. Acting upon information he had received, one evening in November, 1897, when his brother was in England, he had gone to the Hedley Chapman house to shadow Mrs. Chapman and Martin. At first he supposed they were outside walking, but afterwards on going inside the grounds he was surprised to hear them laughing and talking in the breakfast room, and that at half past eleven at night. So he secured a ladder and laid it against the wall with the idea of trying to spy on them. But as he climbed he heard them make a noise as if Martin was going; so he abandoned the ladder and peered through the lattice work that gave him a view of the front door. Martin and Mrs. Chapman came to the door and kissed and parted, the witness shadowing Martin down several streets. Ten

days before Hedley Chapman returned, Mrs. Chapman had told witness that she was not going to live with Hedley any more. She loved Martin, she said, and was not going to blight her life by living with a man she had no love or respect for. She loved Martin, she avowed, and would go with him. She denied to witness that she had done any wrong with Martin. The witness replied to this: "Nellie, if you went down on your knees at your mother's death bed and took a solemn oath to that I would not believe you."

The witness had sent the letter already referred to, his idea being that Mrs. Chapman, if she had an idea she was watched, might cease her intimacy with Martin.

Amelia Lundganthe, a Tacoma girl, testified that while she was acting as hall watcher of the Irving house in October last, Mrs. Chapman stayed at the place and thence in to see her one evening, the exact day being October 13. She had come over to Victoria because she was asked to do so by a Mr. Duffield, whom she had known for a long time as a furrier, but she did not know he was a detective, nor did she know when she was coming over on the boat Thursday that she was going to be a witness.

Mrs. Keller, of Tacoma, had taken the position of housekeeper at the Irving house, the position being brought to her notice by Duffield. She knew he was a private detective, but she had not been acting as a private detective herself. Martin had visited the house on Thanksgiving evening and went into Mrs. Chapman's room, remaining there for some time.

The case was then adjourned till this morning at half past ten.

SOLAR STATISTICS.

Facts About the Great Orb Which Warns Us and Gives Us Light.

The sun's distance from us is 92,700,000 miles. Its diameter is 865,000 miles. Its volume is 1,300,000 times that of the earth. Its mass, or weight, determined from the strength of its pull upon the planets, is equal to that of 332,000 earths.

The sun's surface temperature, according to the determination of it made in 1884 by Messrs. Wilson and Grey, is 8,800 degrees centigrade, which is more than twice that of the electric arc, and this temperature may, perhaps, be deemed low by contrast with the fires that rage within.

The dazzling surface of the sun—its "photosphere"—consists of matter in a solid or a liquid state. This is proven by the spectroscopic. This shining envelope is not, however, a solid or compact shell, but it seems rather to be cloud-like in its character, and it is subject to violent disturbances. According to the view now taken of it by astronomers generally, the matter which forms the sun's photosphere is mostly, if not wholly, carbon in a finely divided state—lampblack—not enough to be intensely incandescent, but not gaseous.

Above the photosphere is an atmosphere some 5,000 miles in depth, made up of various gases and the vapors of metals. It is in this atmosphere that the spectroscopic lines of the field of its explorations. The existence of these gases and metal vapors is indicated by dark lines in the solar spectrum.

About one-half of the seventy and more "elements" known to terrestrial chemistry have been found by means of these indications to be present in the solar atmosphere, and astronomers have very little doubt that the rest of the elements are in the sun, though hitherto they have not revealed themselves.

Among the elements most easily recognized in the sun are iron, calcium, sodium, aluminum, carbon, hydrogen, helium, this last being an element only recently found upon the earth, and for a number of years known only as one prominent constituent of the solar atmosphere, found also in many of the stars and in some of the nebulae.

Helium is a gas of about twice the density of hydrogen. It is found absorbed in cleveite, broggerite and some other rare minerals, but, like hydrogen, it is too light a gas to exist in a free state in the earth's atmosphere. Of the elements which have not yet been found in the sun, the most notable are oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus, and the newly discovered gas, argon. No lines belonging to any of these elements have yet been found, either in the spectrum of the sun or in those of the fixed stars.

The amount of light which we receive from the sun is 600,000 times that of the full moon, and 182,000 million times that of the average star of the first magnitude.

Upon these last given figures may be based a very instructive calculation bearing upon the probable distances of stars of various magnitudes. Thus:

Were the sun to be removed to twice its actual distance from us, it would become one-fourth as bright as it now is; at three times its present distance, it would be one-ninth as bright, and so on, its brilliancy diminishing as the square of its distance increased. To become a star of the first magnitude, the sun would need to be removed from us to 426,000 times its present distance, and its light, instead of coming to us in eight and a quarter minutes, as it now does, would require 67 years to flash across the intervening space.

At ten times this distance, or at a distance of 67 "light years," the sun would become a star of the sixth magnitude; at ten times that distance, or 670 light years, it would be reduced to the eleventh magnitude, and still another removal, sufficient to reduce it to a star of the sixteenth magnitude, which is that of the faintest telescopic stars, would place it at a distance from us such that its light, travelling at a rate of 186,000 miles a second, would be 6,700 years in making its way to us.

Were all stars the equals of the sun in size and intrinsic splendor, these results of the calculation would enable us at once to estimate their distances from us. But the truth undoubtedly is that there are among the stars very great

differences in these respects, so that we get from these figures nothing more definite than a vague notion of the immensity of the stellar universe.

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